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AND ONE TOURING SAIGON. GROUPS TO I AND II CORPS REMAINING OVERNIGHT. SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE UNDERTAKING CONTACTS OF THEIR OWN WHICH WE WILL REPORT IN DETAIL LATER.

4. OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT PROPOSED SCHEDULES ARE FLEXIBLE AND MISSION WILL READILY MODIFY SCHEDULES IN RESPONSE TO PERSONAL PREFERENCES. MOST OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, ARE ADHERING TO SCHEDULES PROPOSED FOR THEM.

5. SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS EN ROUTE AND FORMAL BRIEFINGS HERE RECEIVED BY OBSERVERS WITH INTEREST AND APPRECIATION. ON THE WHOLE THEY HAVE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRAM THUS FAR.

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SUBJECT: ELECTION PICTURE IN II CORPS HIGHLANDS

1. THE II CORPS HIGHLANDS WITH 349,527 REGISTERED VOTERS HAS ONLY 6 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORATE. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THIS REMOTE AND UNSOPHISTICATED REGION WILL

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GIVE THE GOVERNMENT TICKET A SOLID MAJORITY. SUPPORT FOR THE THIEU-KY TICKET WILL COME FROM THE MONTAGNARDS AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS, FROM THE MILITARY AND FROM NORTHERN REFUGEES, BUDDHISTS AND CATHOLICS ALIKE. THOUGH ELECTION PREDICTINGNWS RISKY, THE MILITARY TICKET MAY POLL AS MUCH AS TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL VOTE. IT IS PROBABLE THAT TRAN VAN HUONG WILL DO BETTER THAN THE OTHER CIVILIAN CANDIDATES AND MAY RECIEVE MORE THAN 15 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. HUONG'S SUPPORT WILL COME FROM CENTRAL VIETNAMESE CATHOLICS AND SOME

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